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For: FILE TABLE COPY PROTECTION FOR STORAGE DEVICE
WHILE STORING STREAMING CONTENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an action on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please substitute the following claims 1, 11 and 14 for the like-numbered claims as originally filed. A marked up copy of these claims showing the current changes is attached as an appendix to this amendment.

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1. (Amended) A method of encryption of a data file transmitted to a decoder, said method comprising steps of

defining a write order of data blocks of said data file to non-sequential storage locations of a mass memory,

storing said data blocks in said mass memory in accordance with said write order and updating a table corresponding to said non-sequential storage locations, encrypting the table with a key, forming an encrypted table, and

storing said encrypted table to said mass memory.

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